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1. NSA HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY SEC DEF TO ESTABLISH A SIGINT COLLECTION CAPABILITY IN THE VICINITY OF HAVANA CUBA AS A MATTER OF THE HIGHEST INTELLIGENCE PRIORITY AND TO INITIALLY DIVERT THE USS OXFORD FOR THIS PURPOSE.

DIRNSA HAS INITIATED ACTION TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF AN MSTs SHIP FOR THIS PURPOSE TO BE OPERATIONAL NOT LATER THAN 1 DEC 1962.

2. SINCE FULL CAPABILITY OF OXFORD CANNOT BE UTILIZED EFFECTIVELY IN HAVANA AREA, REQUEST CNO ASSIGN SHIP TO RELIEVE OXFORD AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL MSTs CONTRACT SHIP IS AVAILABLE. NSA WILL INSTALL SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT SIMILAR TO THAT USED ON

SHIPBOARD SPACE REQUIRE-

MENTS ARE SIMILAR.

3. FOR DIRNAVSECGRU. IF INTERIM SHIP REQUESTED CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND ON STATION BY 15 AUG, REQUEST OXFORD BE DIRECTED RETURN OPAREA OFF HAVANA ON COMPLETION SAN JUAN VISIT 8-14 AUG. SHOULD THIS DIVERSION BE EXPECTED TO EXTEND FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME REQUEST THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS BE MADE IN THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT ITINERARY FOR OXFORD

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